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Public administration and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 50/225 of 19 April 1996, adopted on the occasion of the resumed fiftieth session on the theme "Public administration and development",

Recognizing that efficient, effective and transparent public administration, at both the national and international levels, has a pivotal role to play in the implementation of the key objectives of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1]

1. *Welcomes* the establishment of the United Nations Public Administration On-line Network as a powerful tool made available to Member States for the exchange of information and experience in public administration;

2. *Recommends* that the Network be expanded to strengthen the capacity of national ministries and institutions of public administration, to access information, experience and practice in public administration, and to receive online training;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to assist Member States, particularly developing countries and countries with economies in transition, upon their request, in their process of reform, by fostering information-sharing, as appropriate, and the exchange of experience; assisting in building essential capacity and essential skills; providing assistance in institution-building; and improving the coordination of development assistance in this field;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to study the possibility of periodically bringing together high-level policy makers responsible for public administration reform, under the auspices of the United Nations, to discuss issues of

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] Resolution 55/2.

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common interest and share valuable experience and practice, and to report the results of that study to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to keep under constant review the developments in this field in Member States and to highlight changes and trends as well as successes in this area, with particular emphasis on the role of public administration in the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] and to summarize his findings in a report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session through the Economic and Social Council.